

## REMARKS

Claims 1-30 and 32-33 are pending in this application. Claims 31 and 34 were previously canceled. Claims 1, 16, and 20 are in independent form. Claims 2-15 depend from claim 1, claims 17-19 and 32-33 depend from claim 16, and claims 21-30 depend from claim 20. Claims 1, 2, 16, and 20 have been amended

In the advisory action, the Examiner provided comments as to how the Liao and Wu references anticipate and obviate the pending claims. Applicants have carefully reviewed the Examiner's comments and have made amendments in view thereof. Claim 1 now requires that:

- 1) the adapter forms part of the base wall
- 2) with an outer surface that lies substantially parallel and in close or contacting proximity to the horizontal surface that the charging unit seats on; and
- 3) that the receptacle that receives the adapter faces downwardly toward the horizontal surface.

Considering Wu as the base reference, if the power plug 4, shown in Fig. 1 of Wu, is replaced with the plug 29 and input cord 30, shown in Fig. 1 of Liao, and the base wall is wall 1 in Fig. 1 of Wu, at least element 2 above is not met because the plug 29 of Liao, as well as the prongs 42 of Wu will never allow the outer surface of the adapter to lie in close or contacting proximity to the horizontal surface that the charging unit seats on.

In considering Liao as the base reference, if the plug 4 of Wu is used in place of the input end 13 of Liao, the adapter will not form part of the base wall (element 1 above) and the outer surface will not be able to lie in close or contacting proximity to the horizontal surface that the charging unit seats on because the prongs 42 or power plug 5 will get in the way.

The distinctions are important because if the prongs 42 or power plug 5 of Wu, or the plug 29 of Liao is positioned on the base surface, it will prevent the base surface from being able to seat in a stable manner on a surface. If the charging unit cannot seat in a stable manner on a base surface, it will be impossible to position a charging receptacle on the opposite side of the charging unit (shown in Fig. 4). Thus, based upon the amendments made to claim 1, the claims that depend therefrom are submitted to be allowable over the cited combination

For claim 16, similar amendments have been made. In particular, claim 16 now requires:

- 1) a socket defining a recess that faces downwardly when the base wall is seated on a horizontal surface; and

2) an adapter with an exterior surface that is smooth to allow the base wall and adapter to seat against the horizontal surface.

For the reasons discussed above in connection with the possible combinations of Wu and Liao, applicants submit that at least element 2 is missing with respect to both combinations. For this reason, claim 16 and the claims that depend therefrom are submitted to be allowable over the cited art.

For claim 20, the adapter now requires:

- 1) that the body member has a substantially flat outer surface; and
- 2) that the rear face of the body member is positioned flush with the base wall of the charging unit when installed.

In either combination of Wu and Liao discussed above in connection with claim 1, the adapter body member does not have a flat outer surface. In Liao, the adapter is a plug, and in Wu, the adapter has prongs 42 or power plug 5. In addition, because neither adapter of Liao or Wu is flat, neither combination of Wu or Liao teaches a rear face of the adapter that is positioned flush with the base wall of the charging unit when installed. For these reasons, claim 20, and the claims that depend therefrom are submitted to be allowable over the cited art.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the pending claims with a view toward allowance. No fees are believed to be due with the submission of this Amendment, other than fees associated with a two month extension of time. Should any other fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-1432.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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